

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Filho and Albuquerque  
Application No. 10/767,539

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For: ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR  
STIFFENING A FLEXIBLE PIPE

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Total Claims	18	- 20*	= 0	\$50.00	\$ 0.00	
Indep. Claims	6	- 3**	= 3	\$200.00	\$ 600.00	
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)				\$360.00		
One-month Extension of Time				\$120.00	\$120.00	
Two-month Extension of Time				\$450.00		
Three-month Extension of Time				\$1,020.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$720.00	

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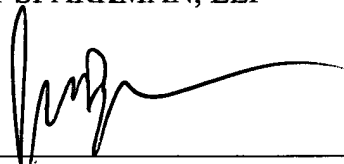
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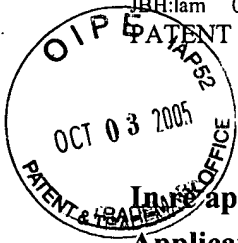
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**AMENDMENT**

This responds to the Office action dated June 2, 2005. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, making a response due October 2, 2005. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.